Christmas Customs and their Orion



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clamation of joy. The practice appears to be as old as the celebration of Christmas itself as Church history shows records of how the bishops were accustomed to sing cards on Christmas Day, also that in the early days the shepherds left their flocks and came to Rome to sing and play on musical instruments before the shrines and churches. During the fitteenth century the carol was at the hight of its popularity as just about that time a number of beautiful as he is known in this country, has wandered away from his own feat day,

Christmas Carol by Children in England An Old English Custom - From an Old Drine

that time a number of beautiful as he is known in this country, has Christmas hymns were written. In Germany the people always went to the balconies or tops of the churches and chanted their carols—a custom still carried out in some of the smaller towns of Germany. In many countries the carol singing is done by children who go from house to house with a Christmas greeting.

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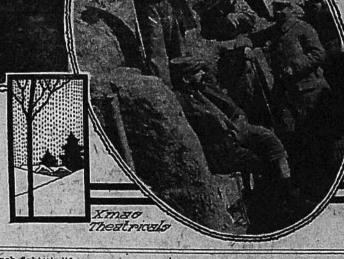
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How the Men Who Are Fighting Spend Christmas, and How for a Time the Soldiers of the Warring Nations Forget That They Are Enemies.

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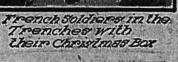


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clothing. Hundreds of cases of milk dairy made a specialty of sending milk to the trenches for Christmas and one might send as few as half a dozen quart bottles, so even the poorest woman was able to send her son milk

Germans And English Fraternize.

this said daty a party of Germans brought over the body of an English officer who had been killed in front of their trenches and deposited it reverently on the ground before some of his regiment, after which they went back to attend to the burial of their own dead When this last tribute to mrades was completed the Ger brought out cigars and cigaret men who a few hours before had been shooting at each other danced around arm in arm wishing each other the compliments of the season. They even made addresses to each other on the subject of Christmas which were inmade addresses to each other on the subject of Christmas which were interpreted by a young German soldler who had lived in the United States. This particular regiment was composed of Saxons—big, merry fellows who made the English laugh at their pranks. As the day wors on the soldiers joined in a rabbit hunt, and later there was a football match which was won by the Germans. After a while they exchanged hats and finally as a compliment to the Germans the English sang "Deutschland Uber Alles," and the Germans, not to be outdone, gave a randition of "God Says the King." After it was all over the men of both sides declared that they were agreeably surprised to find their enemies such a decent lot of fellows. Toward night the men got buck into the trenches, and early on the twenty-sixth the firing began again.

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